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SUBJECT: NEW KUWAITI AID REPORTEDLY ANNOUNCED AT AFRO-ARAB
SUMMIT

1. ACCORDING TO KUWAIT TIMES MARCH 9, KUWAITI FOREIGN
MINISTER SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMED IN SPEECH BEFORE AFRO-ARAB
SUMMIT IN CAIRO INDICATED THAT KUWAIT WOULD GIVE \$280 MILLION
IN AID TO AFRICA, BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: \$200 MILLION
OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IN BILATERAL LOANS TO FINANCE
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; \$40 MILLION FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS; \$20 MILLION TO THE "ARAB FUND FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT"; \$10 MILLION FOR THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND;
AND \$10 MILLION TO FINANCE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES
OF SOME AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. VARIANT OF ABOVE, IN
ALSIYASSA, SAYS KUWAIT WILL GIVE \$40 MILLION TO THE ARAB
FUND FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (KFAED) DIRECTOR ABDUL-LATIF AL-HAMAD
SUPPOSEDLY WILL MAKE TRIP TO AFRICA IN NEXT MONTH IN
CONNECTION WITH INCREASE KUWAITI ASSISTANCE.

2. QUERIED ABOUT ABOVE STORIES, ACTING CHIEF OF FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC DIVISION SAID THAT FROM WORK HE HAD
SEEN IN PREPARATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH, MINISTER

WOULD MENTION HOW MUCH AID KUWAIT HAD RPT HAD GIVEN TO AFRICA, NOT HOW MUCH IT WOULD IN FUTURE, ALTHOUGH MINISTER WAS EMPOWERED TO ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. SENIOR KFAED OFFICIAL WAS MYSTIFIED BY REPORTS, SAYING HE KNEW OF NO SPECIAL KFAED ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA, ALTHOUGH MANY LOANS WERE BEING CONSIDERED, AND NUMEROUS KFAED MISSIONS GO TO AFRICA ON REGULAR BASIS.

3. COMMENT: KFAED LOANS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO NON-ARAB AFRICA FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR (THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976) AMOUNTED TO \$60 MILLION. AT THIS RATE \$200 MILLION FOR FIVE YEARS IS WELL BELOW PRESENT KFAED LENDING RATE, AND NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT. KUWAIT PRESS MAY HAVE GOTTEN ITS FIGURES WRONG, A VERY FREQUENT OCCURENCE. IF ANY SPECIAL ADDITIONAL KUWAITI ASSISTANCE TO NON-ARAB AFRICA IS BEING GIVEN, WE WILL REPORT ON IT. WHAT IS INTERESTING IS PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF \$40 MILLION DOLLARS FOR AFRICAN LIBERATIONS MOVEMENTS, WHICH, IF TRUE, IS MUCH MORE THAN KUWAIT GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE SOURCES HAVE GIVEN TO THESE MOVEMENTS IN THE PAST.
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